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PER TELECON NADEAU/BLACKEN, THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE PUBLICITY
HERE ON KAKI TO DATE. MESSAGE FROM COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON
D.C. PROVIDING BACKGROUND FOR NEWS RELEASES AND OTHER PUBLIC
DISCLOSURES CONTAINS FOLLOWING STATEMENT: QUOTE. IN ALL
RELEASES AND IN RESPONDING TO INQUIRES, INSURE THAT PRO-
MINENT MENTION IS GIVEN TO FACT THAT EXCELLENT AND TIMELY
COOPERATION OF GOVT. OF PANAMA IN AUTHORIZING U.S. TO TAKE
LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION ON THE HIGH SEAS AGAINST
PANAMANIAN FLAG VSL ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS
TRAFFICKING CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS
OPERATION; AND THAT THE U.S. APPRECIATES THIS AS ANOTHER
EXAMPLE OF THE GOVT. OF PANAMA'S CONCERN OVER NARCOTICS
TRAFFICKING AND ITS EFFORTS TO CONTROL THIS ILLICIT ENTER-
PRISE THROUGH COOPERATIVE INTERNATIONAL ENFORCEMENT
ACTIVITIES. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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